



# 2019 PINOT NOIR

SONOMA COAST

## THE WINE

In an effort to produce a wine that pays honorable tribute to the esteemed AVA, we source our grapes from premium sites throughout the region. This blend includes several of the vineyards that have shown as standouts within the vast and rugged Sonoma Coast.

## **SOURCING**

Ricioli, Cartan Vineyard,

#### **VINEYARD NOTES**

From the cool diurnal shifts in the south, to higher elevations in the North, there is a striking contrast to the concentration of fruit and high acidity. Cool, dry and long growing seasons in this maritime climate are essential, yielding wines of balance and complexity.

#### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Pinot Noir

# **VINTAGE NOTES**

Starting with rain during bloom, 2019 transitioned into a steady, slow to warm spring. Temperate throughout the summer, offering only a couple intermittent heat spikes. Average yields and incredible quality with harvest beginning in early August.

# WINEMAKING NOTES

Fermented separately in small open-top fermenters with gentle punch-downs. Maintained at moderate temperatures until dry, basket-pressed, and racked to 30% new French oak for 12 months.

## TASTING NOTES

Fresh cranberry, ripe Morello cherry with layers of bramble and black raspberry. Deep red fruit carries throughout with hints of mushroom and earth. Tinges of kola nut, sarsaparilla and graphite, with silky refined tannins on the finish.

## **RELEASE DATE**

November 2020